

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(MBHB No.: 03-1088)

In the Application of:)	
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Gerard J. O'Connor)	Examiner: James A. Vezeris
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Serial No.: 10/734,862)	Art Unit: 3693
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Filed: December 12, 2003)	Confirmation No.: 1544
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Title: System and Method for)	
Event-Based Trading)	

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Dear Sir:

First, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance. In the Notice of Allowance mailed on January 27, 2010 in connection with the above-referenced patent application, the Examiner issued statements of reasons for allowance directed to certain claims. Without addressing the accuracy of the Examiner's statements, Applicant respectfully submits that the presently claimed invention is allowable – as recognized by the Office, because the art of record, alone and in combination, fails to anticipate or render obvious the combination of elements recited by each of the allowed claims.

Applicant submits that each allowed claim of the present application should be construed in view of the entirety of that claim's combination of elements, and limited neither by any of the Examiners' statements nor by the recitation therein of any specific claim elements.

Respectfully submitted,
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